



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

☒ Permanent Rule  
☐ Emergency Rule

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

☐ 31 days after filing.  
☒ Other (specify) December 1, 2006 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☐ Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rulemaking is to make this rule easy to read, understand and more usable for employers. This rule adoption will place fixed ladder requirements from chapter 296-24 WAC and chapter 296-155 WAC into chapter 296-876 WAC, Portable ladders. The title of chapter 296-876 WAC has changed to Ladders, portable and fixed. Also, references were updated. There are no anticipated effects. See attachment 1.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: See attachment 2.  
Amended: See attachment 2.  
Suspended: 0

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060

**Other authority :** None

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 06-09-072 on April 18, 2006.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: Adopted as proposed.

**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

**Date adopted:** July 24, 2006

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

Gary K. Weeks

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

WSR# 06-06-020

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	24	Amended	11	Repealed	13
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	24	Amended	11	Repealed	13
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	24	Amended	11	Repealed	13

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Also, we incorporated requirements from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) into this chapter, ANSI A14.3 2002 - Safety requirements for fixed ladders. By doing this, it makes the requirements for both general and construction the same. References were also updated.

**AMENDED PARTS:****Chapter 296-24 WAC, Part J-1.**

- Deleted the words “fixed ladders” from the title of this part.
- Added a note to where the requirements for fixed ladders are going to be located.

**Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part J.**

- Deleted the words “and ladders” from the title of this part.

**AMENDED SECTIONS:****WAC 296-24-23507 Footwalks and ladders.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-78-71001 General.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-78-71009 Stairways and ladders.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-78-71017 Dry kilns.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-155-475 Scope and application.**

- Deleted the word “ladders” from this section.
- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-155-47501 Definitions applicable to this part.**

- Deleted the following definitions:  
Cleat, double cleat ladder, fixed ladder, individual rung/step ladders, landing, maximum intended load, side step ladder, single cleat ladder, through fixed ladder.

**WAC 296-874-40026 Meet these requirements when using ladder jack scaffolds.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-874-40038 Meet these requirements when using step, platform and trestle ladder scaffolds.**

- Updated a reference.

**WAC 296-876-100 Scope.**

- Modified this section to include fixed ladders.

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**WAC 296-876-500 Training—section contents.**

- Renamed this section to “Fixed ladder design and construction—section contents.

**WAC 296-876-600 Definitions.**

- Renamed this section to “Fixed ladder design and construction—section contents.
- Moved definitions relating to portable and fixed ladders to WAC 296-876-900.

**NEW SECTIONS:**

**WAC 296-876-50010 Design and construction—Fixed ladders installed on or after December 1, 2006.**

- Moved the design and construction requirements for fixed ladders installed on or after December 1, 2006 to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60005 Design and construction—Fixed ladders installed before December 1, 2006.**

- Moved the design and construction requirements for fixed ladders installed before December 1, 2006 to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60010 Design loads.**

- Moved the design load requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60015 Pitch.**

- Moved pitch requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60020 Welding.**

- Moved welding requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60025 Ladder surfaces.**

- Moved ladder surface requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60030 Rungs, cleats and steps.**

- Moved rung, cleat and step requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60035 Side rails.**

- Moved side rail requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60040 Clearances.**

- Moved clearance requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60045 Step-across distance.**

- Moved step-across distance requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60050 Extension and grab bars.**

- Moved extension and grab bar requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60055 Hatches.**

- Moved hatch requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60060 Platforms.**

- Moved platform requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60065 Protective structures and equipment.**

- Moved protective structures and equipment requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60070 Cages.**

- Moved cage requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

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**WAC 296-876-60075 Wells.**

- Moved well requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-60080 Ladder safety devices.**

- Moved ladder safety device requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-700 Fixed ladder inspection and maintenance—section contents.**

- Created this section contents/summary page relating to inspection and maintenance of fixed ladders.

**WAC 296-876-70005 Protection against corrosion and deterioration.**

- Moved requirements relating to the corrosion and deterioration of fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-70010 Inspection and repair.**

- Moved requirements relating to inspection and repair of fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-800 Fixed ladder use—section contents.**

- Created this section contents/summary page relating to fixed ladder use.

**WAC 296-876-80005 Designed load.**

- Moved requirements relating to the designed load of fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-80010 Climbing and descending.**

- Moved requirements relating to climbing and descending on fixed ladders to this section.

**WAC 296-876-900 Definitions.**

- Moved definitions that relate to portable and fixed ladders to this section.

**REPEALED SECTIONS:** Requirements relating to fixed ladders have been moved to chapter 296-876 WAC, Portable ladders and fixed ladders.

WAC 296-24-810 Fixed ladders.

WAC 296-24-81001 Definitions.

WAC 296-24-81003 Design requirements.

WAC 296-24-81005 Specific features.

WAC 296-24-81007 Clearance.

WAC 296-24-81009 Special requirements.

WAC 296-24-81011 Pitch.

WAC 296-24-81013 Maintenance and use.

WAC 296-155-480 Fixed ladders.

WAC 296-155-48060 Training requirements.

WAC 296-155-48080 Appendix A

WAC 296-155-48090 Reserved.

WAC 296-876-50005 Training.

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